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DEADLINES FOR ALL GAMES WITHIN HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO MARCH 7, 1974. THIS ONE WEEK POSTPONEMENT IS DUE TO DELAY IN PUTTING THIS ISSUE TOGETHER.

A BRIEF STATE OF THE "UNION"

Again, we have been delayed, but the delay was for different reasons this time around. We are virtually caught up with the exception of Aquarius. That zine will be late, following publication of this zine. This issue was late mostly due to my birthday celebration (twice in one week) and partly due to the longer length of this issue. Last, we took extra time with adjudicating the games to reduce the errors. It appeared that errors were being caused by previous errors and our lack to note them. Well, we hope it's all straight now. Next issue should be out on time as we will be caught up once we get Aquarius out.

Oh yes, the winner of the birthday contest was Doug Beyerlein who guessed that my birthday was February 5th when it actually was the 6th. Doug is the winner of a free entry into a Chapel Hill Publication game. Right now, the only available openings are in the Scotice Scripti III game being opened in Lost Horizons. Doug gets a free map/rules to the game if he joins that. Other than that, he'll have to wait until we open regular games. As it looks now, that will be a long wait! Let me know, Doug, how you want to make use of your prize. Another player guessed the right date, but he was the one who knew from my telling him.

REMEMBER! THE NEW DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS MARCH 7, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

From Rodney Walker:

"Just a brief note to go with the enclosed crap. Thanks for reprinting my contest! You might, please, print the following note next issue.

Some notes should be appended to my contest questions, to help clarify them.

1. The most obvious answer is wrong.
7. I have in mind some unusual and unique characteristic, of course.
10. I do not mean any "Mr. Dick" who is now alive, and specifically not the science fiction writer.
11. "Ex-""????? Who's "ex-""???

Re: rating publishers. I don't see this particular system. Most GMs who recommend, or at least list, 'zines with openings, can and often do say something about regularity and reliability.

The real problem is the new 'zines, and this system offers no real way of differentiating between them. In fact, there is probably no real way of telling much. You could rate on age and occupational status, I suppose. More important is this question: does he own his own machine? Are his fees adequate to meet his expenses? How long has he been in the hobby as a player, and what is his record in terms of missed moves, e.g.? Is he overinvolved as a player? Is he a good player? (A good player is usually a conscientious person because the negotiations require it.)

But still, what does a rating mean? John Koning and I would each have rated as high as possible the month before we disappeared. Charles Reinsel would rate as high as possible and I wouldn't recommend him as a GM to Buddy Tretick, even. No--I take that back. He's unemployed. (By the way, I would certainly reverse the scores given students and military. I have heard theses, finals, heavy course load and the like given as an excuse for delaying or quitting far more than an overseas assignment. The GMs who have started up, run off a few issues, and then

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IMPASSABLE MAILING LIST

With the IDA calling for all Eastern U.S. publishers to publish their mailing lists, we are therefore presenting our list of readers. By having put together the list in order, we find that circulation is up to 124. In part, the increase was due to the excellent Xmas response from new players entering the hobby. The list is broken into three parts: Players, Subscribers and Traders. A few are mixed and are placed where I felt they should be. Other than this, the names are in alphabetical order.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, CONT.

disappeared were heavily, almost primarily, students. And Rich Hull is no real example--when he stopped pubbing, he was being sent by the Navy back to school.

No, I think rating publishers is no real solution. I like Birsan's idea of getting new pubbers to serve some sort of "apprenticeship" with one or more orphan games (financed by IDA, of course) before they open games of their own. This program would have to be "voluntary", but in fact could be made almost compulsory by a "conspiracy of silence" on the part of established GMs, in refusing to recommend or even list new pubbers who had not served their "apprenticeships", and/or by having everybody urge a "wait and see" attitude to their readers (which will have the effect of discouraging players). It won't be a complete control, but it will help the situation a lot, especially if we have enthusiastic support from the GMs. They should give it--after all, when some GM starts up a bunch of games and then disappears, who has to pick up the slack? This will decrease that problem and also decrease the number of games orphaned in the first place--an ideal solution because it palliates and cures simultaneously!

Impassable here: As usual, Rod gives a lot of food for thought, and what he has just said about "apprenticeship" training for new publishers is quite a juicy thought for our consumption. Rod was one of two big boosters when I started publishing two years ago (March, 1972) with Impassable. I thought I was good and many told me I was good--right from the very beginning with the first issue. It was true that I did start off well organized for I thought and planned Impassable for a year prior to coming out with it. You would not believe all the planning, figuring, etc. I did! Anyhow, so thorough was my planning, etc., that I have not changed much since the first issue!

This great amount of planning is not always true with new publishers, and this is when we have problems. New publishers MUST BE MADE TO REALIZE how much work is involved in (cont. pg. 9, col. 1)

SSIII, 1973Ddl, Autumn & Winter 1018

Autumn 1018: Kymru: NOR, GM D A Ber
Winter 1018:

ENGLAND(Swies): SP

KYMRU(Gemignani): NOR., GM R F NGC

LEINSTER(Fujihara): B F Dub, A Tar

MUNSTER(Dick): SP

ORKNEY(Keller): SP

SCOTLAND(Tonnensen): B A Dun

ULSTER(Drews): R A Tyr

SPRING 1019 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at
noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1018 Positions:

England: A Pow; Kymru: A Dyf, A Bue, A Shr,
F Mer; Leinster: A Sli, A Mea, F Wex, F CaB,
A Ber, F Bri, A Ber, F Dub, A Tar; Munster:
F Mid, A Tua, A Lei, A Wat, F SGC, F Wex,
A Cas; Orkney: A Sut, F Mon, F IAt, F WIF,
A Oma, F Drö; Scotland: F Min, A Lis, A Yor,
A Che, A Str, F ChB, F Man, F NIS, F Dow,
A Dun; Ulster: F Arm

Press:

Scone-King Malcome II was on a holiday drunk
last season. He told all his messengers to
tell his commanders to tell his men to also
go on a holiday drunk. An Army of drunks
was raised in Dundrennan and the King states
he will start doing something in the Spring,
depending on dispatches.

Scotland to Kymru-What did you have in mind,
send me a letter (or even a dispatch).

Stonehenge: The Great Stone speaks of more
war, but in the far North while peace will
reign in the far South. The stone has spoken.

1970BJ, Fall 1910

COA: Doug Beyerlein, see list of addresses.
Vote on draw: Aus, Eng, Ger, and Ita: Yes;
Rus: No. Defeated. Austria calls for a
draw vote during this winter season. Please
send in your votes.

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): A Ber-Mun, A Boh-Tyr,
A Vie S A Boh-Tyr, A Bud-Tri, A Sor S A
Bud-Tri, A Bul S A Ser, A Rum-Sev, A Ukr-War

ENGLAND(Keller): F Nth-Bel, F Lon-Eng

GERMANY(Mahler): F Hol S Eng F Nth-Bel,

F Kie-Den, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur, A Mun-Bur

ITALY(Phillips): F Gre S Rus F Con-Bul(EG)

/nso/, A Alb S A Tri, F Ion S F Gre, F Tyn-
Iyo, F Apu-Adr, A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S Ger

A Mun-Tyo/nso/, A Tyo-Mun/r/, A Bur-Ruh,
A Bel-Ruh/r/, F Eng S Eng F Lon-Nth/nso/,

F Cly-Nat, F Nwg S Eng F Eng-Nth/nso/imp/,
F Aeg-Bul/nso/

RUSSIA(Richter): F Con-Aeg, A Arm-Sev, A
Pru-Liv, A Smy-Con, F Nor-Nth, F StP(NC)-
Nor, A Fin S F StP(NC)-Nor

Fall 1910 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, Ser, Bul, Rum, Ber, War,
Sev (8) SP

England: Lon, Edi, Bel (3) Bl

Germany: Kie, Hol, Den, Mun (4) SP

Italy: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por, Bre, ~~Bel~~,
Tri, Par, Lvp, Gre (12) Rl

Russia: Mos, StP, Swe, Nor, Ank, Con, Smy
(7) SP

Press:

The Hun: You can't win them all. But all I
wanted was 1/5 of a win. I was so close I
could taste it. But someone (perhaps the
"sinister force" of 18 minute gap fame)
managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of
victory. But hope still blooms eternal.
Rome(Aeg-Bul): If the GM "can't say it any
better than that," perhaps he might try
addressing my point as a change-of-pace. I
didn't ask him to go back ten game years--I
asked the return of my fleet. If his error
in removing it couldn't be corrected it's
hard to conceive of any error that could.

1972AZ, Sometime in Spring 1910

WHAT THE #\$%\$ IS GOING ON HERE? MASSIVE SHIFT?

Errors, sigh: I think and pray that the worst
is over for AZ! winter 1909 corrections
includes: France had F Tri, not F Adr; Eng-
land had A Ber, not A Lon; Austria had A Rum,
not A Bul; and Italy had F Aeg, not F Adr.
Winter 1909 saw France build F Bre and Fall
1909 saw France capture Trieste from Austria.
Austria retreated A Tri-Bud during Autumn '09.
Spring 1910, at last:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): A Smy H, F Gre S Ita F
Aeg H, A Rum S A Gal, A Sev S A Ukr, A
Ukr S A Gal, F Alb S F Gre, A Gal S A Vie,
A Vie S A Gal, A Bud S A Gal

ENGLAND(Wiskow): A Mun-Bur, F Bel-Pic, F Nth-
Eng, A Kie-Hol, A Den-Kie, A Den-Kie,

F Bot-Bal, A Boh-Mun, A War H, A Mos H,
A Liv S A Mos, F Bal-Den, A Pru S A War,
A Ber S A Boh-Mun, A Sil S A Boh-Mun

FRANCE(Mahler): F Ion-Tun, F Tri-Alb, A Ven-
Pie, A Pie-Mar, A Bur-Mun, F Eas-Ion,
F Nap-Tyr, F Tun-Wes, F Bre-Eng, A Tyr S
A Bur-Mun

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ITALY(Hollingsworth): F Aeg S Aus F Gre

Vote on 3-way draw: Defeated 3-1 with only one yes from France.

FALL 1910 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon.

Press:

Radio Free Clyde(F Bel-Pic): At the request of our former ally we wish to make public the dissolution of the Franco-English alliance. As a direct consequence of this action we are opening a northern front against the French enemy, and have formed an alliance with the government of Austria-Hungary. The objective of this new alliance is to reduce the French to an insignificant, inconsequential force.

Giuseppe Garibaldi to Quincy the Frog:

Considering the way I played the game for the first 6 years, I feel that a fourth place finish and survival for its duration to be quite satisfactory. I never did figure out some of the press. Who were General Hatton, Stephan of LWOW, General Custer and Hugo the Baker?

1972BG, Winter 1909

AUSTRIA(Pyle): SP

ENGLAND(Keller): B F Edi

ITALY(Hrbek): B F Nap, F Rom

RUSSIA(Fish): B A Mos

SPRING 1910 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon.

Winter 1909 Positions:

Austria: A Ruh, A Ber, A Sil, A Mun, A Boh, A Vie, A War, A Ukr, A Ser, A Bul, F Ank (11); England: F Eng, A Par, F Nat, F Nth, A Den, F Nor, F Edi (7); Italy: A Bre, A Gas, F Mid, F Por, F Spa(NC), A Pic, A Bur, F Con, F Nap, F Rom (10); Russia: A StP, F Bar, A Liv, F Bel, A Hol, A Mos (6)

Press:

London: My god, it sure takes you guys a long time to finish me off! I guess Turkey was right...

Rome, January 1910: The Italian government revealed today that an offer of peace had been made to the English government. The government spokesman stated that King Ginzo had offered the English a guarantee that there would be no invasion of the British Isles if the English would withdraw their forces from all other areas of Europe and position them in the British homeland. The King was quoted as saying that he would prefer

the British to maintain one fleet and two armies but he would be satisfied if they kept two fleets.

In a subsequent development, the King revealed today that he would marry Princess Catherine of Austria in the late spring. The ceremony would be held in the glorious and soon to be liberated city of Paris. The King said that the marriage would cement together for all time the Grand Alliance of Austria and Italy. The King was asked why there had been such a delay in announcing the marriage but would make no comment in this regard. Sources close to the King have indicated that part of the problem was a slight accident that occurred during the couples' extended stay in the Tyrolian Alps which resulted in a rather premature heir to the Italian throne.

1972BW, Winter 1909 Postponed

COA: David Davies, see address list.

Errors of Fall 1909: France had A Edi, not A Lvp. Thus, Germany can't retreat to Edi. Consequently, all results as printed in #31 was correct with the exception of French A Lvp really being in Edi. Especially note that France's F Tyr S Italy's F Tun-Ion to stand off the Turk's F Eas-Ion. Thus, the Italian Fleet does not have to retreat. ((Can't)) With all these errors compounded by an erroneous "error correction" report, the Autumn/Winter 1909 season is postponed. Remember that the Russian F Nth must now retreat elsewhere.

AUTUMN & WINTER 1909 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T. ALSO, VOTE ON DRAW!

Fall 1909 Positions:

France: F Tyr, A Boh, A Hol, A Ruh, A Bel, A Edi, F Nth, F Lon, F Yor; Germany: A Kie, F Den; Italy: A Tri, A Mun, A Vie, A Ven, F adr, F Ion, F Tun; Russia: A Gal, A Bud, A War, A Sil, F Bal, F Nth/r/, F Nwg; Turkey: A Gre, F Aeg, F Eas, A Bud, A Ser.

Fall 1909 Supply Center Chart:

France: Home, Bel, Spa, Por, Hol, Lvp, Lon, Edi, ~~X/6~~ (10) Bl, was 1 short and lost 1
Germany: Den, Ber, Kie (3) Bl
Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, ~~Bud~~, Mun (7) SP, lost 1
Russia: Home, Nor, Swe, Rum, Bud (8) Bl
Turkey: Home, Gre, Bul, Ser (6) Bl, lost 1

No Press: It figures.

1972CD, Spring 1909

ENGLAND(Schleinkofer): F Iri S F Nwg-Nat,
F Nwg-Nat, F Eng-Wal, F Bel-Eng, F Hol S
A Den-Kie, A Den-Kie, F Nor-Nth, F Swe-Nor
FRANCE(McKeon): F Nat S Ita F Wes-Mid/r/,
F Por S Ita F Wes-Mid, A Par-Pic, A Bre S
A Par-Pic, A Ruh-Hol, A Kie S A Ruh-Hol,
A Gas-Bur

ITALY(Morris): F Wes-Mid, F Tun-Wes, F Nap-
Tyr, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, A Mun-Ber, A
Sil S A Mun-Ber, A Tri-Bud, A Ser S A Tri-
Bud, A Bul H, F Con-Elä, F Aeg-Con, F Smy
S F Aeg-Con

RUSSIA(Brennan): A Pru-Ber, A War-Pru, A
StP H, A Ukr-War, A Rum H, A Ank H

SUMMER & FALL 1909 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974
at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press:

Rome, Jan. 30, 1909: In his State of the
Kingdom address, King Victor Emmanuel pledged
to the Italian people that--sometime in the
near future--the traditional Parliament in
Rome would be replaced by a more modern,
more "democratic" Congress modelled after the
one in the U.S. He added, however, that if
an Italian Congress came to be, its sole
function would not be to condemn and depose
the King.

1972CJ, Autumn & Winter 1908

Errors: Fall 1908--Russia, sigh, does have an
Army in Liverpool and, sigh, does not have
Army Smyrna. Forgot to print the Fall 1908
SCC:

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Con, ~~Bel~~, Smy,
Ank, Rom, Ven, Rum, Mar, Nap, Mun, Bre
(16) El

Italy: ~~Rom~~, Tun, Spa, Por, Par, ~~Bel~~ (4) R2

Russia: Home, Swe, Ber, Kie, Nor, Den, Edi,
Hol, Lon, Lvp, Bel (14) El

Autumn 1908: Italy D F Mid

Winter 1908:

AUSTRIA(Verheiden): B A Vie

ITALY(Iakofka): R A Pic

RUSSIA(Wrobeleski): B A StP(middle coast)

SPRING 1909 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon.

Winter 1908 Positions:

Austria: A Bur, A Mun, A Bre, A Pie, A Ven,
A Tyr, A Rom, A Bud, A Rum, A Ank, F Bul(SC),
F Ion, F Adr, F Nap, F Tus, A Vie (16); Italy:
A Par, F Iyo, F Tun, F Spa(SC) (4); Russia:
A Lvp, F Nth, F Mid, A Bel, F Nor, A Lon, F

Iri, F Eng, A Ruh, A Ber, A War, A Mos, F
Sev, A StP (14)

Literature:

The Dream Maker: Stan's mind was bludgeoned
into a pulp by the shock of his wife's maimed
body standing before him. He thought of his
marriage a short 1 year before to Erika. He
had been a good father to her child and a
good husband to her--he loved her dearly.
Then the only emotion that could save him rose
inside his breast, sheer loathing for Sine-
strae. Stan rose to his feet.

"So, you are somewhat of a man Stanley--How
I hated that name," mouthed the creature before
him. "If only some other way could have been
used to trap Lendore, by Satan I would have
used it!"

"Erika? No, it's...it is Sinestrae..."

"It is one in the same, you fool!" cried
the horrid creature. In Stan's mind he could
hear Lendore shriek. It had been a trap!
Stan was only a puppet in the entire affair!
Sinestrae had possessed Erika long before her
marriage to Stan. She had, over a period of
time, used Rumble as one uses a portable
radar station. Rumble travelled around the
world and was perfect as an agent to find the
other four warlocks. Only Vorjac and Lendore
had escaped his search. Now when Stan not
only found Lendore, but was possessed by him,
the best of all worlds could be obtained.
The only flaw had occurred when Stan had helped
Lendore and had temporarily pulled Sinestrae's
consciousness from Erika's body. That is
what had disfigured and maimed her, not
Lendore's attack on her mortal body. Sinestrae
had finally gotten back to her remains, brought
them back to an unsure "life" and was now
prepared to kill them both. Her mouth formed
the words of 'the Endemo' and Stan could feel
Lendore being pulled from him. Then Lendore
was gone from him and only a faint memory was
left. "He is crushed and will die in moments.
Give us one last kiss, STANLEY," she shrieked
and broke into wild laughter!

--to be finished next episode. Will
Stan be killed? Will the earth be doomed?
((Damn it, he didn't send me that last chapter
and he sent all the rest in bunches--don't I
get some advance preview?)) Stick tight and
wait to read the final exciting furious battle
for the.....

Whenas in silks my Julia goes,
Then, then, methinks, how sweetly flows
The liquefaction of her clothes!

--Herrick-Hesperides.

1972CK, Autumn & Winter 1908

Error: England's A liv-War took War and gets to build 1. Austria removes 1.

Autumn 1908: Turkey R F Ion-Apu

Winter 1908:

AUSTRIA(Chin): R A Pru

ENGLAND(St. Johns): B A Lon

GERMANY(Lindauer): SP

ITALY(Gershenson): SP

TURKEY(White): B F Con, F Smy

SPRING 1909 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon.

Winter 1908 Positions:

Austria: A Ukr, A Mos, A Gal, A Ven, A Tyr, A Boh, A Sil, F Adr (8); England: F Iyo, F Wes, F Naf, F Nth, A Nor, F Bar, A Ruh, A Bur, A Kie, A Ber, A Bel, F Bal, A War, A StP, A Lon (15); Germany: A Mun (1); Italy: A Mar, F Ion, F Tyr (3); Turkey: A Rom, F Nap, F Aeg, A Gre, F Apu, F Con, F Smy (7)

No Press.

1972DD, Fall 1908

AUSTRIA(Leerkamp): F Wes-Mid/a/, A Tyr-Mun, A Gal-Sil, A Pru S A Gal-Sil, A War S A Pru, A Boh S A Gal-sil, A Liv-StP, A Mos S A Liv-StP

ENGLAND(Dick): A StP-Mos/r/, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Wal, F Nat S Fra F Mid

FRANCE(Fujihara): A Bur S Ger A Ruh-Mun, A Mar H, A Gas S A Mar H, F Spa(SC)-Wes, F Mid S F Spa(SC)-Wes

GERMANY(Chin): A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Ber, A Ruh-Mun, F Bal S A Ber-Pru, F Nth-Nor, F Eng S Fra F Mid

ITALY(Roll): NOR. A Sev, A Pie, A Tus, F Aeg, F Tun, F Iyo, F Tyr, F Nat all Hold.

AUTUMN & WINTER 1908 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1908 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Home, War, Bul, Ser, Gre, Rum, Mos, StP (10) B3, lost 1

England: Home, ~~StP~~ (3) R1

France: Home, Spa, Por, Bel (6) SP

Germany: Home, Hol, Nor, Swe, Den, ~~Mos~~ (7) B1, lost 2

Italy: Home, Tun, Smy, Con, Sev, Ank (8) SP

Press:

Radio Vienna: Austria Hungary to France---

Austria Hungary to France---Calling France---

Calling France---Do you read me---I read you.

That is, I read your letter, but I'm not sure what it said---Excuse my ignorance, but I so much enjoyed the Gefechtskehrtwendung and the simultaneous destruction of the black and blue barbaric hordes, that my perception has been dulled by the sheer ecstasy of it all---Please repeat your message in lay terms---Ten Four

Morovia, Rumania (Sept. 3, 1908): Rumor has it that the several brutal murders, committed here in the last several weeks, have been done by a werewolf. This is just a rumor, mind you. It just might do the slow thinking Wops to look over their shoulder more often before someone samples them for dinner.

Slurp, London: Rumor has it that Count Dracula (looking a lot like Jack Palance) has arrived looking for some likely bride....

SCAPA FLOW NAVAL TIMES(Letters to the Editor):

Dear Sirs:

You bet your banged-up Bellerophon the

Baltic is English Waters!

Sincerely,

Friedrich der Grosse (RIP)

In Choppy Seas off Spain, Oct. 18, 1908:

Heavy mugs laden with wine were raised an inch off the table when Vice-Admiral Ernesto Ginzo's fat hairy fist made contact in a fit of rage.

"Why," he said, "Can't the Italian Navy take the Mid-Atlantic instead of those darn Austrians?"

One of Admiral Ginzo's officers near him bent down and whispered in his ear, "But sire, our crews are not familiar with the sails yet. The Austrians still refuse to give us the steam power."

1972DF, Autumn & Winter 1907

Autumn 1907: Tur R A Gal-Bud

Winter 1907:

AUSTRIA(Conner): R A Ven

ENGLAND(Lindauer): SP

GERMANY(McKeon): SP

TURKEY(Blank): B F Con

Vote on Draw in Winter 1907: Defeated, only 1 yes vote from Turkey.

Spring 1908 has been requested by a player to be separately played. Thus, it is postponed to next deadline.

SPRING 1908 ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon.

Winter 1907 Positions:

Austria: A Vie, A Tyr, A Pie (3); England: A Liv, A Mos, A Nor, F Bre, F Eng, F Mar, F Mid, F Nth, F Por, F Spa(SC) (10); Germany: (cont. col. 1, next pg.)

A Gal, A War, A Sil, A Pru, A Mun, A Gas, A Bur, F Kie, F Bal (9); Turkey: F Naf, F Wes, F Tyr, F Rom, A Bul, A Sev, A Ukr, A Rum, A Apu, F Tun, A Bud, F Con (12)

Press:

Vienna: Emperor William IV of Austria-Hungary angrily objected to the wording of the Third Peace Proposal as submitted by Chancellor McKeon of Germany. The Emperor stated that his country would be forced to vote NO due to the inclusion of the words..."I believe this game to be very boring..." These are not words of peace!

Budapest: Austrian Secretary of State Peter Prevaricator expressed both his country's and his own thanks for the Turkish gift of Serbia AND the IMPASSABLE gifts of Munich and Marseilles. Secretary Prevaricator announced that his country would build a fleet in Trieste and two armies in Budapest with the resources of those gifts. Secretary Prevaricator also added that because of the generosity of these gifts, he would personally attempt to encourage Emperor William IV to present the Fourth Peace Proposal after the Fall 1908 results.

Transylvania: Word has just arrived that IMPASSABLE would extend the gifts to include London, Paris, Moscow, Rome and Constantinople if they would invade Berlin. If not, then Berlin would also be made a gift. Isn't it amazing how a little blob of misplaced ink changes everything? It isn't amazing if you consider IMPASSABLE'S Record of late... Impassable: I almost didn't print the above, but then I didn't want to be accused of being like President Nixon....messing up the messages or making them disappear.....nevertheless, we do have pangs of guilt and need not be reminded!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I MADE IT THROUGH THEM!

And now, that travelling orphan.....

CLUE, Game 1973A, Saturday, Week One

We have only two responses from the original players. One, Mrs. White, we had hoped to hear from again. However, only Mr. Green and Mrs. Peacock responded this turn. It is possible that with only one missed day, that Mrs. White may return to the fold. We also got two positive responses from our two standbys. They are going to take over for the two people missing the longest: Professor Plum

and Miss Scarlet. The two have orders for next turn and will be asked for from these two standbys. Mrs. Peacock, we have been informed, missed an issue. So, to be fair, we're giving her, er, him one extra set of questions to make up. So, here are the questions:

MR. GREEN: Moves Billiard-Library, remains there.

Asks Mrs. White: Library
Mr. Green
Candlestick

Gets a clue _____

MRS. PEACOCK: Moves Billiard-Conservatory, remains there.

Asks: Mrs. White: Mr. Green
Candlestick
Conservatory

Gets a clue _____

PROF. PLUM: New Player next day, is now in Dining Room

MISS SCARLET: New Player next day, is in Kitchen

MRS. WHITE: NOR. Remains in Dining Room.

MRS. PEACOCK: Makeup question:

Asks Miss Scarlet: Prof. Plum
Lounge
Candlestick

Gets a clue _____

The extra turn for Mrs. Peacock will not affect placement of any player on the board. We trust the two new players will have their copy of the rules from #30 of IMPASSABLE. I will endeavor to get them the information possible to their "persons" in this game.

If no one objects, we could start our second game of Clue with only four players. Please send in preference lists of players. With new players in the game, we are going to skip LH and go to next issue of Imp for:

SUNDAY, WEEK ONE ORDERS DUE March 1, 1974 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press!

Colonel Mustard talks: Gentlemen and Ladies of this mysterious game; we are no longer in this for fun as you Americans might say, but this is for the bloody murder of our beloved benefactor, Mr. Boddy. I, for one, will not stop, slow down, nor quit in my everlasting efforts to find the murderer! I and God will not rest until we have hung our man! If that means you, sir, than it means you!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, CONT.

publishing and running your own games. In my mind, there are two types of drop-out pubbers: a) The one who drops out early due to lack of planning and knowing how much work was involved, and b) Those who stick with it and burn themselves out by overdoing it. Rod has suffered the latter, and many other good publishers have suffered the latter, but we are primarily concerned about the former. This is where most of our drop-out pubbers come from. The latest idea in the hobby is that what Rod mentioned about giving orphan games to new publishers as an apprenticeship for them. This could be enforced by a pact of silence among experienced publishers, but the idea of doing it would be controversial enough to make it fail if enough experienced publishers don't go along with the silence. In my case, an apprenticeship would have slowed my entry, and who is to say I or others don't deserve to do all they can when they're worth it? The big problem is deciding when the apprenticeship is over. How long a period of time? Are we to consider quality of work as a criterion? Perhaps the best thing to do would be to simply make know to all players that the publisher is new and not proven. We can only say, then, that the players must be cautious about new publishers when they start out. Despite my good start, quality wise, my growth was slow enough to try any ambitious publisher--if you don't get your games filled because the word is being spread around that you're new and not proven, you may just drop out anyway! So, this is food for thought and very volatile of a subject. Any other comments? We thank Rod for correcting our "erroneous answers" to his puzzle. We didn't think we were right on any other than the last one about who's "ex"--what, you mean you don't know?

OPENINGS IN DIPLOMACY

Gee whiz, we get enough trades to make us wilt just from carrying it around (to work) with us! Anyhow, we only managed to find a few with openings:

OBSSESSION. S.Z.R.&B. Pub. Co., P.O. Box 24872, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is 50¢ + sub. Sub is \$2 per year. Ditto.

ALTERNATE REALITY. Ron Melton c/o Rhodes' Books, 694 Broadway, El Centro, CA 92243. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is \$2.00. Mimeo. This is an excellent new gamezine. If you can

recommend a new zine by its looks, then we give this the top rating for new zines!

" ". James Massar, 127 N. Emmons St., Dannemora, NY 12929. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is \$2.00 plus \$4.00 returnable deposit. Ditto. A veteran publisher that's been around longer than we have (but not by much). The POUCH. Nicholas Ulanov, 60 E. 60th St., New York, NY 10003. Openings in reg. dippy. (they say they always will) GF is \$1.00 plus \$1.00 deposit plus sub. Sub rate is 10/\$2.00. FIGHTERS HOME. The Vineyard, 8 Ravenna St., Ashville, NC 28803. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is \$8. New zine done in offset. Liberterrean, Jim Bumpas, 948 Loraine Ave., Los Altos, CA 94002. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is \$1.00 plus sub. Sub rate is \$6/24 (one year). Mimeo. New zine.

APRAKIS. John Leeder, Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario, CANADA POA 1K0. Is lining up players for games which he will open pretty soon. GF will be \$6 (find out how he wants it paid--Canadian, U.S., or whatever).

LOST HORIZONS. Pubbed by me. Openings left in Scotice Scripti III for \$6.00. Price includes map/rules and sub during game. Only a few left.

NEWS OF THE HOBBY

Hmm., this will have to be extemporaneous as I haven't prepared any specific list of items to note....First off, there is the latest explosive controversy in our friendly hobby over the IDA's involvement with the new Diplomacy World. The DW is to take place of the well-known Hoosier Archives. Walter Buchanan will be the publisher for DW as he was for HA (with assistance from that leading female of the DWA, his wife Carol). Walt (and Carol) is (are) known as the best in the business--so good that Games Research approached him (them) to accept a financial support of \$100.00 permonth to do the new, bi-monthly, offset Diplomacy World. It was GRI's idea that the IDA co-sponsor DW by chipping in with some aid of its own. Well, to make a long story short, the big cry is over how much to "give" DW. Also, others wanted to get the same support from IDA, and within the Council itself, there is no absolute agreement on the amount of subsidy. The latest development is that the IDA Council has postponed its previous approved proposal until results are in from a special poll sent to the members through the Diplomacy Review. If you're a member, I advise you to send in your poll sheet and to make known your own
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NEWS, CONT.

views on this matter.

Two publishers suffered the bad fate of fires. David Staples' home was completely burned down, and he now has a new address (see address list). A fund was set up to help David out, and I am glad to report that a sizeable sum was collected for him.

Another publisher, John Coleman, also suffered a fire, but apparently it was smaller and is only causing a delay in publishing, and no real great financial straits (we hope). If we had a fire, we would not be fortunate since we have piles and piles of paper all over ready to burn efficiently. There would be nothing left. On the good side, we don't smoke or use matches in a nervous habit.....

Most of the other news has been with IDA. I've already mentioned the DW crisis, but the IDA is making great progress in other areas of unifying the hobby. Great strides are being made in England, for example, to remove any feeling there that the IDA is an American organization to dominate the world. Getting off track, you might notice a large number of English traders in our address list. England has a sizeable group (larger than Canada, I think) of publishers and they're all good! The sad part is that international games are prohibitive costwise. The IDA is doing a lot in trying to bridge the gap between North America and Europe, but gaps as big as the Atlantic will take time to close.

Back to people, the word or rumor has it that Conrad von Metzke will be cutting back on his activities in the hobby. As you all know, he's one of the pillars of the hobby in that he does much of the statistical record-keeping. He's in charge of assigning Boardman numbers for all regular games, and he does a host of other things too numerous for us to even remember! Predictably, his superhuman output of work is draining him. We hope that his new plan to spread the work around with regards to the Boardman numbers will help solve his crisis. What he does is a valuable service to the hobby, and if he can't do it, then I don't know who can. If he can't, then I'll be the first to propose that IDA try taking over the job. (Conrad, that's not a threat, so don't write me a nasty letter!) The big tradition is that the Boardman number assigner is independent of any hobby organization. Of course, the IDA has been the only one to last more than a year, and the IDA itself is only a bit over 2 years! Nevertheless, the IDA is going strong, and no matter what happens, it will be a force to

keep the hobby going smoothly and efficiently. Okay, enough news, a little article material? We have a reply from Bill Conner on his rating system versus Len's rating system (see Impassable's #30 and #31). See below!

RABONE RATING SYSTEM VERSUS THE DOUG BEYERLEIN MEMORIAL RATING CARNIVAL SYSTEM COMMENTS

by Bill Conner

The comparison of these two systems leads to an item by item analysis.

The RABONE System is easier to understand, simpler to use, and deals with small quantity positive numbers.

The Doug Beyerlein MRC System is more mathematically accurate, more impressive, generally, and expanded well upon the excellent Rogue's Gallery base ((another of Len Lakofka's rating systems)).

Both of these systems share startling new concepts in relationship to other current rating systems by taking into account supply centers won, years of play, and national difficulty (ND) factors as a basis of their rating.

Both of these systems also share the refreshing idea of rating a substitute player with what he earns rather than what he has inherited.

The RABONE system applies the ND factor as a handicap at the beginning of each new concept similar to a handicap system currently used in golf, bowling, etc. In practice this amounts to giving Italy and Austria a three (3) point head start over Russia in what would normally be a game ended with roughly 30 points for the winner. The ND factor is stronger in the Doug Beyerlein MRC System than in the RABONE System; stronger meaning more weight.

The RABONE system applies supply center points on a basis of one earned gets one point. The Doug Beyerlein MRC System applies supply center point factors in a couple of manners with the result that they probably account for 90% of a country's point earnings as compared to 25% for the Rabone System.

The RABONE System applies year points on a basis of one Fall survived earns one point with the result that the majority of points available for earning are year points; which contrasts sharply with the Doug Beyerlein MRC System.

In fact, it is probably safe to say that the biggest difference in this comparison is that the RABONE System puts most emphasis and subsequently most points on years played with
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A RATING SYSTEM COMPARISON, cont.

the idea that they will cancel each other out by being identical for all original surviving players. It has been clearly objected that this factor should be weightless by applying a fraction to the RABONE System Years Points such as dividing by two (3.4 or 5) or multiplying the other two factors ND and Supply Centers by two (3.4 or 5).

And, the Doug Beyerlein MRC System applies a multiplication factor based upon years against all points earned to derive the total game points. In short, the formula shows the French example earning 1.66 points in the basic formula multiplied by the year factor of 1.0 (9/9) for a total of 1.66 game points. A possible side twist of this example could have been France in a different setting, earning 1.66 points in the basic formula multiplied by a year factor of 50% (5 years survived of a 10 year game) for a total of 0.83 game points. This multiplication factor could be a very strong factor also.

In curiosity, what do others think about the RABONE year factor being divided by 2, 3, 4, or 5? As an alternative, what do others think about the RABONE ND and Supply Center factors being multiplied by 2, 3, 4, or 5? The object under question is to increase the weight of earned supply centers (winning) versus time of years spent (survival).

That leads to another curiosity question, what does the general player think about winning compared to surviving?

1. Is winning vastly more important than surviving?

2. Is surviving under-rated in most current rating systems?

3. Should rating systems such as RABONE and the Doug Beyerlein MRC Systems be encouraged to force the consideration of survival factors and energy spent (year points) with ND (national difficulty points) as alternate evaluation criteria to be built into comparisons with the concept of winning only?

4. Will anyone both to say: they are asking me---the everyday 'zine reader to express an opinion on some subject? Will any of your just plain guy readers respond, John? Or will they just leave it to Doug, Len, Edi, you and me?

((Come on, you readers! If you don't want to risk having your opinion printed in this gamezine, then why don't you write to Bill in private/secret? I'm sure he'll appreciate hearing from you! Yet, I'll accept any good criticism of these two rating systems!

NOTICE to anyone with a Basic/370 or HP Basic computer line--I'll trade my war 'game' (a rather interesting simulation of WWI dogfights one sample run is given to the editor for comment) for any interesting programs--or, if anyone out there is interested, what about starting a computer gaming 'zine? The program name is DGFGT*; for a copy (If you want a tape, send a couple of stamps--this program is rather long) write to:

Adam Gilinsky

River Rd.

Scarborough, NY 10510

((Impassable here: The program appears to be derived from Fight in the Skies' rules, if I'm correct. In any case, what I have appears to be well written and the computer results seems to be 'logical' and in a good format. Why not give it a try?))

JOIN THE IDA? YES!

Even though I am one of 12 elected officers of the International Diplomacy Organization, I have not really plugged this fine group. Why? Simply because I rather have people find out for themselves via their best friends. Since I'm the editor of the Diplomacy Review, it is less appropriate to me, that is myself, to expound on the IDA. We have plenty of people on the Council who do all they can to put the IDA in its proper limelight. Nevertheless, I will plug it in this issue:

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION
Membership for one year is \$2.00. Please forward your check or money order made out to: International Diplomacy Association.
Send it to: Walter Buchanan

R.R.#3

Lebanon, IN 46052

Whatever you do, please don't send it to me! Your two bucks will get you six issues of DR plus voting and membership rights in IDA. Last, but not least, you'll be helping the hobby organize itself through helping to make the IDA itself stronger and bigger of a voice.

FAMOUS QUOTES?

The following quotes struck me as being very much contrary to each other!
The best works, and of greatest merit for the public, have proceeded from the unmarried or childless men.--Bacon.
The bed has become a place of luxury to me! I would not exchange it for all the thrones in the world.--Napoleon.

NOTICE: DEADLINES FOR ALL GAMES INCLUDING CLUE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 1974!

THEM CHESS GAMES?!

Game #1: Wh-F. Harbor, Bl-Fobby Bisher
 9. N-QB5 P-QN3
 10. B-QN5 check
 Game #2: Wh-Fobby Bisher, Sorris Bpasky
 15. B-B4 Q-KB4
 16.

The company chess tournament: I've lost two games since last report, and though I'm out of first, I still can take second if I win tomorrow. We attribute our two losses to being tired and busy these last few weeks on diplomacy. Well, you lose some and you win some....

THOSE IMPASSABLE PUZZLES

Solution to #28: Three blocks of cheese..... the answer is 7.14 inches (approx.). Let $5x =$ radius of the top, then $3x =$ radius of the bottom (simple). The kettle is a frustum of a cone and its volume....oops, that's the wrong answer! Blame it on a misprint in my book! The real answer is 10 pounds. For the pieces to be of equal weight and for the weight to be as great as possible, the greatest number which is a factor common to all the numbers 650, 680, and 760 must be found; that is, the greatest common divisor of these numbers, which is 10. Simple?
Impassable Puzzle #29: This one was submitted by Howard Mahler.....

IMPASSABLE #30
 117 Garland Drive
 Carlisle, PA 17013

NOTICE: All deadlines are postponed to March 7, 1974.
Label codes: c-complimentary
 s with a number-subber with
 number of last paid issue,
 t-trader, p-player.
 Patriotism is the last refuge
 of a scoundrel.--Samuel Johnson

John and Joan, 10 year-old twins, finished their lunch and asked their mother for some desert. Their mother said they could share what was left of last night's cake. As always, the children started complaining that the other one always got the bigger piece. However, this time their mother had an answer. "If you children follow my instructions, you'll be able to divide the cake without my even being there and no one should have any complaints." What were the mother's instructions? If you can answer that, what should they have been if there were 3 children? What about N children? Solution nextish!

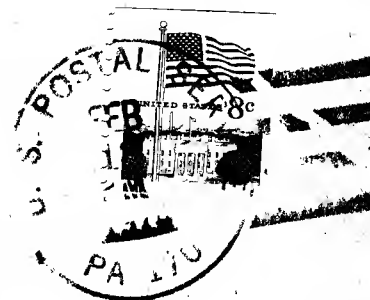
STILL MORE ON WAR

Worst Sieges: The longest siege in military history was that of Centa which was besieged by the Moors under Mulai Ismail for 28 years--1674 to 1700. The worst siege in history was the 880-day siege of Leningrad, U.S.S.R., by the German Army from August 30, 1941, until January 27, 1944. The best estimate is that between 1.3 and 1.5 million defenders and citizens died.

((Quick! Can anyone forward to me proof of both the longest and shortest (game years and real time) postal Diplomacy games on record?))

This has turned out to be 12 pages as I have run out of material! Please send letters, articles for me to print! By the way, next issue should see me speak up on revamping our current standby procedures since the games are now nearing their end. Peace until next time.

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